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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to clarify that the successively detected plurality of pointer values corresponding to the plurality of channels are indicated at the same time by a graphic indication and a table indication, wherein in the graphic indication, a first axis indicates the plurality of channels which configure the communication network and a second axis indicates the pointer values of the plurality of channels contained in the frames, and wherein in the graphic indication and the table indication, when a pointer value of a given channel from the plurality of channels is judged to exceed a predetermined range with respect to a reference value and a LOP (Loss Of Pointer)/AIS (Alarm Indication Signal) has arisen, a pointer value plot range of the given channel indicated in the graphic indication is shaped into a strip and the pointer value of the given channel displayed in the table indication is made identifiable. See, for example, the disclosure in Fig. 8B and the disclosure in the specification at page 52, line 12 to page 54, line 3.

In addition, claim 8 has been amended at line 19 to recite the word "frames" instead of "channels" so as to better accord with claim 1, line 17.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-20 were again rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of previously cited US 2003/0012188 ("Zelig et al") and previously cited US 2001/0008536 ("Kibe"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

According to the present invention as now recited in each of amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15, the successively detected plurality of pointer values corresponding to the plurality of channels are indicated at the same time by a graphic indication and a table indication, wherein in the graphic indication, a first axis (abscissa) indicates the plurality of channels which configure the communication network and a second axis (ordinate) indicates the pointer values of the plurality of channels contained in the frames, and wherein in the graphic indication and the table indication, when a pointer value of a given channel

from the plurality of channels is judged to exceed a predetermined range with respect to a reference value and a LOP (Loss Of Pointer)/AIS (Alarm Indication Signal) has arisen, a pointer value plot range of the given channel indicated in the graphic indication is shaped into a strip and the pointer value of the given channel displayed in the table indication is made identifiable. See, for example, Fig. 8B.

It is respectfully submitted that even if considered in combination, Zelig et al and Kibe do not disclose, teach or suggest the above described feature of the present invention as now recited in each of amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 8 and 15, and claims 2-7, 9-14 and 16-20 respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Zelig et al and Kibe, taken singly or in combination, consistent with the respective fair teachings thereof, under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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